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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM

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SUBJECT JOINT GENERAL STAFF J-2 COMPILATION OF NVA/VC ORDER OF BATTLE BY MILITARY REGIONS

ACQ VIETNAM, SAIGON (10 APRIL 1973) FIELD NO. FVS-32,379

SOURCE A FIELD GRADE VIETNAMESE ARMY OFFICER ASSIGNED TO THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE JOINT GENERAL STAFF. HE HAS BEEN A FREQUENT AND GENERALLY RELIABLE REPORTER ON BOTH VIET CONG AND GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM MILITARY MATTERS SINCE 1970.

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1. (FIELD COMMENT: THE FOLLOWING FIGURES ON NORTH VIETNAMESE/VIET CONG (NVA/VC) ORDER OF BATTLE AS OF 31 MARCH 1973 WERE COMPILED BY THE JOINT GENERAL STAFF (JGS). BASED ON A COMPARISON WITH OB INFORMATION AS OF 15 MARCH 1973 FROM ANOTHER SOURCE, THE FOLLOWING FIGURES APPEAR TO BE RELATIVELY ACCURATE.)

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2. NVA/VC STRENGTH BY MILITARY REGION

		MR 1	MR 2	MR 3	MR 4	TOTAL
COMBAT	NVA	55,730	23,020	27,812	17,670	124,232
TROOPS	VC	4,506	5,647	5,629	9,270	25,052
	TOTAL	60,236	28,667	33,441	26,940	149,284
REAR	NVA	11,315	11,300	4,295	2,360	29,260
SERVICES	VC	3,770	5,631	7,665	9,150	26,216
CADRE	TOTAL	15,085	16,931	12,560	11,500	56,076

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GUERILLAS		10,779	10,715	2,670	12,854	37,018
POLITICAL CADRE		14,365	13,864	17,560	5,529	51,318
TOTALS	NVA	67,045	34,320	32,707	20,020	154,092
	VC	33,420	35,857	33,594	36,903	139,664
	TOTAL	100,465	70,177	66,231	56,823	293,696

3. UNIT BREAKDOWN BY MILITARY REGION

	MR 1	MR 2	MR 3	MR 4	TOTAL
DIVISIONS					
INFANTRY	8	3	3	2	16
AAA/ARTILLERY	1		1		2
TOTAL	9	3	4	2	18
REGIMENTS					
INFANTRY	29	10	17	16	72
ARTILLERY	9	1	3		13
SAM	6		1		7
TANK	2				2
ENGINEER	1	2			3
SAPPER	1			1	2
TOTAL	48	13	21	17	99
BATTALIONS					
INFANTRY	98	53	71	67	289
ARTILLERY	41	8	15	6	70
TANK	8	2	3		13
AAA	29	6	7	5	47
SAPPER	32	12	28	16	88
RECON	7	2	6	2	17
ENGINEER	10	9	1	1	21

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TRANSPORTATION	8	3	3	2	16
SIGNAL	8	3	4	1	16
MEDIC	10	4	6	3	23
TRAINING		1	2	3	6
TOTAL	251	103	146	106	606
INDEPENDENT COMPANIES	85	108	148	124	465
INDEPENDENT PLATOONS	3	21	16	5	45

4. FIELD DISSEM: EMBASSY DEFENSE ATTACHE AT SAIGON; SENT TO CINCPAC AIRPAC PACFLT PACAF USSAG PARIS.

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